

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

1 3. (currently amended) The contact assembly defined in
2 claim [[2]] 10 wherein the block is formed on the outer face with
3 an inwardly directed abutment, the tip bearing elastically outward
4 on the abutment in the outer position.

1 4. (original) The contact assembly defined in claim 3
2 wherein the tip bears with prestress against the abutment.

5. (canceled)

1 6. (currently amended) The contact assembly defined in
2 claim [[1]] 10 wherein the cutout is formed as a notch wholly
3 bounded by the web.

1 7. (original) The contact assembly defined in claim 6
2 wherein the web is substantially wider at the notch than the tip.

1 8. (currently amended) The contact assembly defined in
2 claim [[2]] 10 wherein the bights are at opposite ends of the web.

9. (canceled)

10. (previously presented) A contact assembly
comprising:

a dielectric mounting block having inner and outer faces,
the outer face being formed with an inwardly directed abutment; and
a conductive contact unitarily formed of elastically
deformable metal with

a center web set in the block, having two
opposite ends, and formed between the ends
with a throughgoing cutout,
respective inner and outer U-shaped bights
concave toward each other, at the ends of
the center web, and projecting oppositely
from the center web,

an inner leg extending from the inner bight of
the web past the inner face and
elastically deflectable toward the inner
face and toward the center web, and
an outer leg extending from the outer bight of
the web toward the inner leg, elastically
deflectable from an outer position spaced
well outward of the outer face and spaced
from the web to an inner position with the
tip extending inward through the cutout
and past the web, and having a tip bearing

25 elastically outward on the abutment in the
26 outer position, the legs extending
27 oppositely from the respective bights
28 toward each other.